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**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

**REMARKS**

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to synchronously transferring an amount of local data from a local storage medium to a remote storage medium, classified in Class 707, subclass 201.
- II. Claims 15-23, drawn to managing transfer of data from a source storage medium to a repository storage medium, classified in Class 707, subclass 9.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group 1 claims, i.e. claims 1-14, with traverse for prosecution on the merits. This election is made with traverse as it is believed that search and examination of all pending claims may be made without serious burden.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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